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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/193,305 filed on March 30, 2000 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4). Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- Cross Reference To Related Patent Applications

This is a Continuation-in-part (CIP) application of prior pending U.S. provisional application serial number 60/193,305 filed March 30, 2000.

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